

Washington Broadband Committee

Thursday, August 20, 2020

at the Evening Star Grange, Washington

Present: Sara Bullard (Chair), Will Cassis, Sarah Masters, Misty Darton, Will Darton, Lee Shane, Valerie Jackson and guest Alan Hinsey representing Lincolnville Communication

Called to Order

Mr. Hinsey provided a written packet to match his slideshow discussing broadband technology and options for Washington. Members of the committee were given the opportunity to ask questions, but specific answers re: technological capabilities, service reach, and start-up costs are not available without further research from both sides.

While the cost for bringing their fiber optic service to our citizens is unknown, similar projects have cost more than \$2,000,000. Mr. Hinsey recommends a public survey to determine citizen interest before considering the various funding methods.

The committee will review relevant comparable surveys from nearby municipalities and compile questions appropriate for Washington to discuss at our next meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 3 at 6 pm

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